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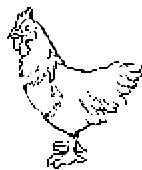
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Majority prices on regular commitments in the West were unchanged, but lower in the Midwest and East when compared to a week earlier. The undertone was unsettled to barely steady at current prices. Retail demand was slow but often reported as light for usually adequate to fully adequate offerings. Food service was light to moderate with some interest being reported on tenderloins. On other parts, breast items were not as available as early week but often reported as ample and discounted. Wings and dark meat were sufficient but clearing. In the East, livers and gizzards continue to have good seasonal interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 09/23/02-09/28/02 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	42.00-46.00	35.00-59.50	45.28	25
Los Angeles	69.00			
New York	48.00-51.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	61.00-63.00	38.00-65.00	63.10	82

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 64.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
848	55.00-66.00	63.89
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	181.50	1,148
BREASTS - B/S	152.00	4,692
BREASTS - WHOLE	80.00	1,120
THIGH MEAT - B/S	62.00	856
LEG QUARTERS	19.00	8,277
WINGS	57.00	3,130

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Whole fryer majority prices into the Chicago area decreased from last Monday's final. Market tone was barely steady to weak. Offers were fully available. Trade interest was cautious and very light. Retail and food service demand mixed, mostly slow to moderate, best interest into fast food promotions and limited retail features. Floor stocks adequate to long; weights desirable to heavy. Trading on parts items was light and selective. Supplies of wings, tenders and leg quarters were available, bone-in and boneless/skinless breasts more than sufficient, although offerings less than prior trading period. The market tone was barely steady to weak on whole and boneless/skinless breasts, remaining items steady.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly steady in the West, other regions weak with values trending lower. Demand was light for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. In the parts structure, tenders, wings, and dark meat items were clearing. B/S breast were available with limited interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices were unchanged from last week. Reported trading for next week's deliveries at unchanged to lower prices. Offerings were readily available for current needs. Sharper discounts common on newly negotiated product. Demand by retailers moderate for whole body and good for parts, best to cover store ads and fast food specials. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. Ads noted (per pound unless otherwise stated): Southern California - whole body 69-99, whole cut-up 87, whole split 118, Cornish hens 139-197, boneless breast 169-399, boneless breast 4# IQF 676, boneless breast fillets 268, boneless thigh meat 178, boneless leg meat 69-99, split breast 97-167, whole breast 99, whole leg 99, leg quarter 10# bag 190-390, leg quarter 40# case 699-999, wings 117-158, party wings 4# IQF 799 (buy one get one free), thigh 79-169, drumstick 79-169, drumstick 5# bag 245, fried chicken tenders 399, Northern California - whole body 99, fryer halves 119, boneless breast 399, split breast 199, drumstick 159, whole leg 109, thigh 159, boneless thigh meat 229; Colorado - whole body 69, whole body seasoned 99, whole cut-up 99, Cornish hens 99, boneless breast 399 (buy one get one free), boneless thighs 199, split breast 4# IQF 499, fried 8 pieces for 449 (mixed); Arizona - whole body 47-69, boneless breast 169-299, boneless breast 3# IQF 699-899, breast tenders 3# IQF 699-899, breast tenders 299, breast fillets 299, split breast 129-249, leg quarter 10# bag 390, fried chicken tenders 599.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers remained light and unaggressive entering the weekend as dealers continued with a very cautious and selective posture. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate to available with discounting occasionally note to stimulate interest. Movement through retail and distributive channels was limited. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, breast items remained ample and discounted. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient. Wings and tenderloins were adequate to balanced.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased slightly entering the weekend. However, buying interest remained light and unaggressive and readily available offerings were difficult to place. Live supplies were mostly moderate, weights were in a range of light to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 51 to 64 cents. Trade sentiment was weak and unsettled. In the parts complex, livers and gizzards were no more than adequate. Wings and tenders were in fairly good balance. Breast items were in excess.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	47-68
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	54.07
NO. OF BOXES	9,552
CUMULATIVE	54.24
	09/17/01-09/21/01
NO. OF BOXES	62.86
	09/16/02-09/20/02
	45,828
	09/17/01-09/21/01
	72,963

*8 of 8 plants reporting

SEP 19

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

SEP 20

POUNDS					POUNDS					WEEKLY	
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG	
BREAST - B/S	916	123.00-219.00	136-140	143.78	921	122.00-219.00	130-137	135.17	4,551	139.52	
TENDERLOINS	116	120.00-190.00	120-125	142.97	109	125.00-190.00	130-133	148.43	670	142.69	
BREAST - LINE RUN	58	81.00-87.00	82-84	83.28	93	79.00-87.00	79-82	82.44	399	83.12	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				400	65.69	
LEGS	88	21.00-34.00	21-22	22.18	88	21.00-34.00	21-22	22.01	440	22.18	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	397	15.00-18.00	15-16	15.28	397	15.00-18.00	16	15.98	2,065	15.83	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,365	17.00-26.00	18-20	19.34	1,245	17.00-26.00	18-20	19.40	6,595	19.34	
WINGS (WHOLE)	313	55.00-63.00	55-58	57.81	313	55.00-63.00	56-58	57.81	1,383	57.13	
WINGS (CUT)	431	68.00-83.00	69-71	72.19	342	68.00-82.00	70-72	70.21	2,118	71.61	
DRUMSTICKS	68	34.00-48.00	-	35.65	68	34.00-48.00	-	35.65	339	35.57	
THIGHS	28	34.00-46.00	-	37.43	28	34.00-46.00	-	37.43	124	37.32	
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				122	60.87	

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR SEP 19, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S**RANGE****AVERAGE**

39.13 - 42.50

40.57

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR SEP 20, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S**RANGE****AVERAGE****5-DAY****AVERAGE**

36.50 - 40.50

38.24

40.73

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity increased slightly, but was limited entering the weekend as dealers were very cautious and kept floor stocks in close balance as the market remained unsettled. Breast items were fully adequate to ample with discounting noted, however, supplies appeared less burdensome compared to earlier week trading. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate. Wings and tenderloins were sufficient. Livers and gizzards continued to see seasonal interest. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was at least steady on dark meat items, tenderloins and wings, and barely steady on breast items.

TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

SEP 19

CURRENT NEG **WTD**
TRADING* **AVG**** **VOL/LBS**

BREAST - B/S	130-135	138.79	535,880
TENDERLOINS	125-130	133.32	134,880
BREAST - WITH RIBS	71-72	77.92	281,640
BREAST - LINE RUN	71	71.39	115,200
LEGS	31-32	31.82	217,320
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	18.98	551,257
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	29.65	122,710
THIGHS	20-21	27.21	61,260
B/S THIGHS	62-63	63.10	85,640
WINGS (WHOLE)	57-58	64.63	172,790
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.07	25,120
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	27.24	12,120
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	63.63	16,360

CURRENT NEG **WTD** **WEEKLY**
TRADING* **AVG**** **VOL/LBS** **WTD AVG** **VOL/LBS**

BREAST - B/S	130-135	137.13	451,080	141.89	2,318,230
TENDERLOINS	125-130	128.92	176,920	130.99	680,140
BREAST - WITH RIBS	70-71	80.12	202,000	81.26	998,640
BREAST - LINE RUN	70	69.04	99,000	74.94	685,920
LEGS	31-32	29.21	199,120	32.08	857,560
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	18.02	355,802	18.27	2,277,813
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	30.77	135,270	30.86	629,350
THIGHS	20-21	31.88	77,260	29.83	393,750
B/S THIGHS	62-63	64.13	70,320	63.17	338,400
WINGS (WHOLE)	57-58	64.96	184,450	64.39	970,440
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.02	28,160	12.10	143,320
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	28.69	13,520	25.54	82,130
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	64.19	23,640	61.88	111,890

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG		AVG	
	09/20	09/19	09/18	09/17	09/18	09/17	09/13	09/11
ALA	4,047	4,017	3,994	4,051	5.06	5.11	4,267	5.05
ARK	5,593	5,340	5,356	5,349	5.02	5.03	5,530	4.94
DELMARVA	2,403	2,369	2,236	2,337	5.12	5.04	2,542	5.02
KY-LA-TN	1,863	2,015	2,027	2,007	4.56	4.63	2,029	4.26
MISS	2,489	2,934	2,949	2,941	5.41	5.39	2,805	5.36
NC	2,690	2,625	2,565	2,659	5.93	5.97	2,639	6.03
TEXAS	2,915	2,480	2,446	2,340	4.96	4.96	2,501	4.88
TOTAL	22,000	21,780	21,573	21,684	5.15	5.17	22,313	5.08
MON-FRI109,479(A)							108,029(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 20-Sep 02 and 21-Sep-02 is estimated to be 32,914,000 down 1.70 percent from a week ago and up 4.2 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 33,483,000; last year 31,602,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 21-Sep-02 is estimated to be 157,680,000 head down 1 percent from a week ago, and down 2 percent from a year ago (Last week 159,008,000 Last year 160,816,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	91-93
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	75
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	94-95
	DRY PACK	96-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-113
	DRY PACK	113
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	
	ICE PACK	94-98
DUCKS		152-166

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 07-Sep-02 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ Food service (B) Retail (C) Deboning
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up

	THOUSANDS		
Head	15,046	13,022	23,142
Avg Weight	3.474	7.3	6.19
% of total /1	29%	25%	45%

COMPARISONS

Last week	19,467	14,108	26,570
Avg Weight	4.004	8.6	5.89
% of total /1	32%	23%	44%

Same week, yr ago /2	28,323	16,570	31,408
Avg Weight	3.824	6.9	6.10
% of total /1	37%	22%	41%

To date/2002	953,019	809,442	1,503,851
To date/2001	1,160,282	980,763	1,551,861

May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 14-Sep-2002 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
THOUSANDS					
HEAD	159,008	1,622	1,672	3,294	378
AVG WT	5.18	3.45	8.02	5.77	7.06
LAST WEEK	140,001	1,156	1,084	2,240	348
SAME WK YR AGO	159,987	1,847	1,523	3,370	541
AVG WT	4.97	3.38	8.08	5.50	6.75
TO-DATE/2002	5,739,877	64,668	51,234	115,902	15,698
TO-DATE/2001	5,681,103	65,336	51,039	116,375	18,556

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 160.9 million head or 2.3 million head more than or 101% of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: SEP 17, 2002

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL POULTRY

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.00 - 1.40	Silkie	1.75 - 2.00ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.75 - 1.10	Pigeons	1.50 - 1.90ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.35 - .42	White Pigeons	2.10 - 2.30ea.
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.75 - 1.00	Rabbits	
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.20 - .30	4-6 LBS	.70 - .90
Crossbred Roosters		Rabbits	
4-6 LBS	.75 - 1.00	7-11 LBS	.70 - .95
Crossbred Roosters		Bunnies	3.75 - 8.00ea.
7-11 LBS	.50 - .60	Guinea Pigs	4.75 - 7.00ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.40	Kid Goats	15.00 - 21.00ea.
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 4.75ea.	Doves	4.00 - 6.25ea.
Banty Hens	2.50 - 3.25ea.	Chukars	1.90 - 2.00ea.
Leghorn Hens	.50 - .70		

Total Coops Sold 400

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 16-SEP-2001

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	137	143
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	122-126	123-127
MOSTLY		

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	55-60	59-60
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	63-85	63-75

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices remained unchanged. The trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was moderate to at times good. Weights were desirable. Schedules full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.25-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.45, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.35-.50, livers at \$.75-1.70, and feet at \$.80-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 16-SEP-2001

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	116-124	125
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	AVG WT
AUGUST 10	162.5	162.1	100% 5.02
17	161.4	161.9	100% 5.12
24	162.7	160.0	102% 4.99
31	167.6	157.2	107% 4.90
SEPTEMBER 7	141.7	157.0	90% 5.05
14	160.9	158.6	101% 5.18
YEAR TO DATE	5808.5	5861.6	99%
SEPTEMBER 21		159.0	
28		158.0	

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

W/E	THOUSANDS				
	09/21/02	09/14/02	% CHG	09/22/01	% CHG
Broilers	157,680	159,008*	-01	160,816*	-02
Cattle	682	673	+01	678*	+01
Hogs	2,085	2,049	+02	1,944*	+07

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Majority prices were unchanged on both light and heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to instances fairly good. Offerings were generally sufficient for current inquiry. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
20-26 MAJORITY 20-21	28-36 MAJORITY 30-31

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
22-27.5 MAJORITY 22-22.5	29-38 MAJORITY 31-32.5

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged.

Demand was light and unaggressive for the mostly fully adequate offerings. Processings schedules for next week were reported as normal. Movement of finished product was fair to moderate with offerings generally sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were too few to report.

Demand was slow for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair with schedules providing adequate supplies. Trade sentiment was about steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged.

Offerings remained fully adequate to mostly ample for the current moderate demand. Slaughter schedules full-time for next week. Trade sentiment steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked moderate schedules. Offerings ample.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Eastern Light	0-0	(1)
Eastern Light	0-0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0	(2)
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices.

Demand was fair for the at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as mostly normal. Finished product supplies were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report.

Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair with inventories adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

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